

Minister of the Methodist Church  
Philadelphia, March 19th, 1866.

~~I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst., respecting counterfeiting.~~

The letter you enclosed (Enclosed to the State) which was sent with the counteroffer of Mr. Doolittle, does not contain from whom they have tried it, but states simply "We take their liberty of enclosing you an opinion of the value of our vessel or vessels which has fallen into our hands, &c." The letter goes on to make remarks on the captures, which contains no information that could aid you in your investigations. It may be proper to mention that Mrs. Woodruff & Hebrew School were - mother and infirm, and having long been bedridden for the last - than ever with that they will fully communicate to you any information that they may possess.

My letter to the Secretary of the Treasury,  
of which you have a copy, contains all the  
information that we could obtain from an  
examination of the confidential reports.

Wanting, however, a weight of a specimen which I pray you to command, - the specific gravity of the metal being stated at  $7\frac{1}{2}$  instead of  $8\frac{1}{2}$ .

The counterfeit Spanish dollar

We have received lately, from one of the Banks at Baltimore, <sup>four</sup> other specimens of counterfeited American Half Dollar, but they are not from the same dies, nor of the same metal, as that sent from Brooklyn. They are found to contain 2lb. 27.8. 2D. g. and 43.8 per cent of silver, while the Brooklyn specimen contains no silver, or but a mere trace.

The counterfeit Spanish, Half D. Dollar which you sent for our examination is well executed as to the impression, but the metal is easily distinguished from silver. The specific gravity is  $7\frac{1}{2}$  instead of  $10\frac{1}{2}$ . The fine is nearly 5 dwt too light. And assay shows that it is principally composed of tin, with a trace of copper, but without any silver.

Very respectfully  
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